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GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC VIEW

Suicide attack wounds US troops in Afghanistan on anniversary of 9/11

CNN, Sept. 11

Five U.S. troops received non-life threatening injuries in Afghanistan when their convoy was attacked by a suicide bomber.

AFGHANISTAN/IRAQ/PAKISTAN

4 suspected terrorists held with explosives in Pakistan

Pakistan Today, Sept. 7

The police have arrested 4 suspected terrorists and recovered explosives, ammunition, and IEDs. During operation, the police discovered 15 kilograms of explosives, an IED prepared from ball bearing, 5 detonators and 5 fuses.

Pakistan: Former Al-Qaeda Operatives Launch New Militant Group

Voice of America, Sept. 10

A new al-Qaida-inspired militant group claims to act as a platform for militants who have grown disaffected with ISIS in the country. The group, Ansar al-Sharia Pakistan, was reportedly formed by two former al-Qaida members. Since then, the group has been involved in several attacks in Karachi, according to Pakistani counterterrorism authorities.

Afghanistan blames Pakistan-based terror outfits for violence; sign 4 pacts with India

India Today, Sept. 11

Afghanistan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani named terror groups that work from Pakistani soil.

Militant blast, gun attack kill 18 police in Egypt's Sinai

Reuters, Sept. 11

The attackers detonated IED and managed to destroy three armored vehicles and a signal-jamming vehicle near Arish, the capital of North Sinai province.

THREAT NETWORKS

French Police Discover Bomb Cell, Arrest 2 ISIS Affiliates in Paris

One America News Network, Sept. 11

Officials in Paris say a terror plot and bomb laboratory were discovered in the country last week.

COUNTER-UAS

U.S. deploys surveillance aircraft to aid armed forces

Gulf Times, Sept. 11

The U.S. government has deployed unmanned surveillance aircraft in Mindanao to help battle terrorists. The Gray Eagle Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), has a longer flight duration allowing a larger scope of reconnaissance and surveillance.

U.S. demos RQ-11 to Djibouti as it provides AMISOM with UAV expertise

Defence Web, Sept. 11

CJTF-HOA has conducted an RQ-11 Raven unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) demonstration for the Djiboutian military, as it provides a UAV surveillance system to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

DRONES

Imagine Drones Carrying Drones Carrying Missiles

War Is Boring, Sept. 11

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has begun work on a small drone that extend the range of an AIM-120 air-to-air missile. The "Flying Missile Rail" could help U.S. Air Force and Navy fighters match and even exceed the ever-increasing range of Russian- and Chinese-made missiles.

BUILDING PARTNER CAPACITY

Taiwanese observers to attend Black Dart counter drone exercises in U.S.

Taipei Times, Sept. 11

Taiwan has been invited to attend the US military's Black Dart counter drone exercise next year. Black Dart constantly updates its tactics and arsenal to keep abreast of the latest emerging threats. Every conceivable weapon is used to engage drones, including jamming signals, sniper fire from helicopters, .50 caliber machine guns, 20mm cannons and Hellfire missiles.

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

UVA Tests New Dummy, Aiming to Make Vehicles Safer for Soldiers

UVA Today, Sept. 11

The University of Virginia took a significant step forward in efforts to protect soldiers targeted by land mines or IEDs.

Marine Corps looks to 3-D printing to make spare parts downrange

Defense News, Sept. 11

The Marine Corps is looking to additive manufacturing as a possible method to build spare parts rapidly in the field, which could reduce the heavy burden of a long logistics tail out to the tactical edge.

British police deploy giant futuristic nets in bid to stop vehicle attacks by terrorists

The Washington Post, Sept. 11

Scotland Yard is deploying the latest in anti-terrorism equipment designed to thwart vehicle attacks: a futuristic net bristling with tungsten steel spikes that security forces can quickly lay down like a carpet on a roadway.

WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS

Deadly explosion rips through Taliban gathering in Kapisa

Khaama Press, Sept. 11

The ministry of defense of Afghanistan said three militants were killed and their commander were wounded after an IED went off.

IED blast: Five security personnel injured in Mohmand Agency

The Express Tribune, Sept. 11

Five security officials were wounded in an IED blast near the border post at Baizai, Mohmand Agency.

3 Assam Rifles jawans injured in IED blast

Nagaland, Sept. 11

At least three jawans were injured in a bomb explosion when the patrolling party came across an IED triggered by suspected militants.